

Position: Wildlife Veterinarian – Vietnam

Affiliation: Wildlife Conservation Society, Vietnam Program _Global health Program

Duty station: Hanoi (with frequent travel to field sites)

Application deadline: April 20th, 2010

Start date: to be discussed

Background:

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a US-based conservation organization registered as a non-profit, tax-exempt voluntary organization and has been dedicated to conserving the earth's biodiversity since its establishment in 1895. Their efforts are concentrated in many of the world's developing countries where biological diversity is greatest and pressure on nature is most intense. WCS currently works in more than 60 countries in Africa, Asia, and North and Latin America and has special institutional capacity in the following thematic areas: strengthening institutional capacity, biodiversity conservation, natural resource management, policy development, protected area establishment and management, landscape conservation, and socio-economic strategies for conservation.

The Wildlife Conservation Society's Global Health Program (GHP) works in tandem with the WCS Country Program in Vietnam to address the critical conservation issue of illegal hunting and trade in wildlife. We conduct research to provide reliable data on the health and emerging disease aspects of the wildlife trade in Vietnam and use the interface of human, wildlife and domestic animal health to promote conservation. We work closely with the government to strengthen wildlife crime law enforcement in Vietnam, and through our partnerships with other National organizations aim to build political momentum within Vietnam to take wildlife crime seriously.

Scope of work:

The National Veterinarian will work closely with the GHP Lead Field Veterinarian in Vietnam, the GHP Asia team, alongside Vietnamese government agencies, to plan and implement zoonotic disease research projects in wild animals in the various aspects of wildlife trade in Vietnam. The Wildlife Veterinarian – Vietnam will work closely with the GHP Asia team and WCS Vietnam office to ensure efficient and accurate organisation of documentation and finances for the project.

Main activities

- Assist GHP Lead Field Veterinarian in Vietnam with planning of research projects into diseases in wildlife within trade systems in Vietnam
- Assist with collection of samples from wild animals, appropriate storage and handling of these samples and acquisition of export permits where necessary for diagnostics
- Establish good working relationships with relevant Vietnamese government agencies to secure the necessary support for sample collection, storage and diagnostics
- Communicate and coordinate with other relevant research institutions that collaborate with which GHP Vietnam
- Assist in training students in wildlife health issues, sample collection and animal handling
- Assist with organisation of stakeholder meetings organised by the Global Health Program in Vietnam and present and translate material where necessary

- Ensure all persons employed by GHP and all projects/activities conducted by GHP adhere to the WCS Vietnam policies, national labour laws, and national legislation.
- Work with GHP regional and national veterinarians/ project managers/directors to generate financial reports, project reports and donor reports in English and Vietnamese
- Assure timely accounting and reporting on all country project expenditures

Desired qualifications:

This position is for a Vietnamese national with a University degree in veterinary medicine with very good English language skills. Experience working with wildlife or with an international organization, or INGO would be preferred but is not essential. In addition, candidates with the following competencies are preferred:

- Practical experience in handling and collection of biological samples from animals
- Interest in wildlife and conservation
- Ability to work independently under minimum supervision within a team
- Willingness to travel within Vietnam and to work flexible hours that may include weekends
- Shows a high degree of initiative, responsibility, flexibility, personal/professional ethics
- Excellent time management, and problem-solving ability
- Good interpersonal skills with ability to communicate effectively in English and Vietnamese

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, CV, contact details for 2 references to:

Miss Pham Thi Minh – Country Finance Manager
Wildlife Conservation Society, Wildlife Conservation Society- Vietnam Program
1302, Thanh Cong tower, 57 Lang Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi
Tel/Fax: +84 (0) 4 3514 9750/16- Ext 10
Email: ptminh@wcs.org

Deadline for Applications: April 20th 2009

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted